

UNIONS DECLINE TO JOIN THE STRIKE

CLERKS AND FREIGHT HANDLERS DESERT BIG FIVE.

STONE ISSUES A STATEMENT

Head of Engineers Will Lay Blame on Labor Board if Some Way is Not Found to Avert Walkout.

Chicago.—Promoters of the nation wide railroad strike received an additional and heavy blow when the 350,000 members of the clerks and freight handlers union voted not to strike. This leaves 400,000 men pledged to strike, as against 1,500,000 who have voted not to join the walkout. Fifteen thousand additional union railway employees have not yet taken a strike vote.

Executives of nine of the 11 shop crafts unions are on their way home to officially acquaint their membership with their decision not to join the strike. Rail executives say the action of these men breaks the strike before it is started.

The signal men, who number 17,000 will make their decision as to the strike Wednesday. They are close to the train operating unions and may cast in their lot with the brotherhoods.

Freight service has been partially resumed on the International and Great Northern, the Texas road selected for a "trial strike." The trainmen on this line quit Saturday noon and the union chiefs here and in Cleveland said the strike was 100 per cent perfect. Nevertheless, passenger trains continued to operate and now the freight service is being restored. Union officials on the I. & G. N. say they will not attempt to interfere with the movement of trains and not a single instance of disorder has appeared in the Texas strike so far.

Complications may ensue if the brotherhood chiefs fail to hold their men in check until after the conference in Chicago with the federal labor board beginning Wednesday. It is expected these deliberations will continue several days, or until after October 30, the date for the strike.

If some way is not found to avert the strike scheduled for next Sunday, the brotherhoods will lay the blame upon the United States labor board. This is the statement of Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who says the federal board has forced the strike by its failure to protect the interests of the rail employees and thereby left them no alternative but to strike.

President Stone also took a fling at the freight rate reductions ordered by the interstate commerce commission. He says this is the result of an emergency effort of the railroads to "gain the sympathy of the public in this strike."

President Lee, of the trainmen, said he and his associates are "patiently awaiting any development that would appear to offer any solution of the situation that confronts us."

President Sheppard, of the conductors, was the only member of the Big Five chiefs—the brotherhoods that have ordered the strike—who would discuss the refusal of the shop crafts unions to join the brotherhoods in the strike. Admittedly this heavy defeat has had a most depressing effect upon the strike leaders.

Wirth Government Falls.

Berlin.—The German cabinet has resigned. A new German cabinet must be formed by Wednesday to meet the extent requirements for completing the Upper Silesian division. It is stated in political circles here that President Loebe, of the reichstag, is among the likeliest of the candidates for the chancellorship.

Yank to Start Home.

Washington, D. C.—The gradual withdrawal of American troops from Germany, expected to start within two weeks, will involve a reduction of the American forces there to about one-half of the present strength of 13,500 officers and men. The reduction will be accomplished by the middle of next March.

Aged Jap Woman Here.

Chicago.—Mrs. Kaji Yajima, 90 years of age, passed through Chicago enroute to Washington. She is bearing a message from the women of Japan to the women of America, urging them to work for disarmament and the end of wars.

Paris Police to Halt Reds.

Paris.—The French government prohibited the proposed communist demonstration outside the American embassy. It was reported the communists will attempt to hold the demonstration anyway. The government decision was reached at a cabinet council meeting presided over by President Millerand. It was the first important official action following the throwing of a bomb at a communist meeting, where twelve policemen and three or more civilians were reported wounded.

Traffic Regulation Needed



LABOR BOARD WARNS THE UNIONS AGAINST STRIKE

Carrier line Chiefs and Brotherhood Leaders Ordered to Meet October 26.

Chicago.—The government moved to prevent a railroad strike and to enforce obedience by unions and roads of decrees of the railroad and labor board, the board announcing it had assumed full jurisdiction in the rail crisis and ordering the workers not to strike pending a conference of union heads and rail chiefs which is called for October 26.

A decision from this conference will not be announced until after October 30, the scheduled strike date, board members said, declaring that in this way a walkout would be averted unless the unions defied the board's orders not to strike pending a ruling. The action was taken following receipt from Washington of information that every interested branch of the government would back the board in its attempts to settle the rail difficulties, members declared.

While both carriers and unions promptly announced they would comply with the order citing them to appear before the board, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, one of the organizations which has called a strike, in a statement given out in Cleveland, asked by what authority anyone could compel a man to work, and pointed out that the right to strike had been upheld by the United States supreme court.

Trainmen on the International and Great Northern, a Texas road, prepared to carry out plans to strike and the maintenance of way and the firemen's unions, representing 400,000 rail workers, announced that they would join the proposed walkout October 30. These two groups are part of the eleven unions numbering three-fourths of the rail employees, which had voted to strike but had not issued a strike call.

Besides stepping into the breach between the carriers and the five unions which have called a strike—the trainmen, the switchmen, the engineers, the firemen and conductors—the labor board summarily ordered the Tremont and Gulf Railroad, a 67-mile line in Louisiana, to rescind its order installing an open shop effective immediately.

If the unions choose to carry through strike plans which the board asked them to defer, members of the board said that the next move would go to Washington, intimating their present action exhausted their attempts to furnish the teeth which the transportation act, creating the board, was said by many to lack. At the same time, it was pointed out that the transportation act gives the board power to cite the interested parties for alleged violation of its rulings, as it did in calling a conference October 26, but provides no penalties for violation of its decrees.

Lewis Appeals to Miners.

Indianapolis.—A call for the immediate resumption of work by Kansas coal miners, who have been idle since their deposed leader, Alexander Howat, was sent to jail under the Kansas industrial court law, was issued by President John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, in a letter sent to every union miner in Kansas.

Arms for Vigilantes.

Mapleton, Ia.—The Monona County Bankers' association has distributed arms and ammunition to the 46 special deputy sheriffs located in the different towns in the county. These vigilance committees are now thoroughly equipped and organized for bandits.

Booze Crazed Man Kills Two.

Chicago.—A moonshine crazed white man, armed with a long butcher knife, ran amuck in Chicago's "black belt," killing two persons and wounding a third. In another section of the belt two white men stabbed a negro policeman who attempted to stop an argument in a cabaret. The assaultants escaped. Police reserves and plain clothes men were held in readiness to rush to the belt—scene of the race riots of over a year ago—in case feeling ran high because of the crimes.

A MOVE BEGUN TO AVERT GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE

American Farm Bureau as Representative of Public Also Takes a Hand in Controversy.

San Antonio, Tex.—A telegram announcing a meeting of railroad executives of all important lines in the United States affected by the strike order, to be held in their respective districts to discuss the situation and steps to be taken in carrying out the program decided upon at the executive meeting in Chicago October 14, was received in railroad circles tonight.

Meanwhile members of executive associations, it was said, have been requested to announce nothing which would disclose plans of the railroads for keeping trains in operation.

Chicago.—Efforts to avert the nationwide strike, scheduled for October 30, found governmental agencies representatives of the public, and some railway labor unions taking action simultaneously, which all three hope would prevent a tieup of the transportation system.

Foremost among moves being made was a meeting between the railroad labor board and heads of the five unions, which have already authorized their men to strike, called by the board and at request of President Harding, it was said by board members.

The first move by a public organization to avert a strike came when the American Farm Bureau federation, representing 1,250,000 farmers, sent petitions to the interstate commerce commission, asking an immediate 10 to 20 per cent reduction in freight rates on necessities, and announced that it would also appeal to the labor board not to grant a new 10 per cent wage reduction, which the roads have announced they will seek, but rather to revise wages generally in accordance with the cost of living. Concurrence in these requests should avert the strike, the federation said, and volunteered to meet with union and rail representatives as a mediator.

Meetings to last all week will be started by the eleven rail unions which have not yet issued strike calls, although most of them have voted for a strike. Leaders of several of these unions announced that at the meetings they will oppose a strike call, in hope a split between them and the five unions already authorized to walk out may avert a strike.

Union leaders called in by the labor board were W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and T. C. Cashen, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America.

The conference was called for the avowed purpose of preventing a strike, according to Ben Hooper, vice chairman of the labor board. He returned from Washington, where he and other members of the public group conferred with President Harding.

Much Mail Burned.

Denver.—More than 50,000 articles of mail, including parcel post packages, and second class matter, addressed to Denver residents, were burned at Akron, Colo., when a United States mail car caught fire from engine sparks and was destroyed.

G. A. R. Vice Commander Dead.

Washington, D. C.—Capt. American Whedon, vice commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, died here—aged 81 years.

Ulster Volunteers to Be Armed.

Belfast.—The Ulster volunteers are to be armed and mobilized. This drastic step was threatened to have such serious consequences in 1914 and which constitutes an open challenge to Sinn Fein, had been decided upon by the Belfast government, it was announced because of the British failure to prevent Irish republican troops drilling. The stage now has been set for civil war on the largest scale Ireland has ever known, should a breach in the negotiations occur, fighting will begin.

CUT IN RY. RATES SURE

President to Insist on Reduction in Freight Costs as an Offset to Wage Cuts.

Washington, D. C.—After a day of government conferences here President Harding is considering a series of recommendations of action in the railroad strike crisis which are reported to include a reduction of freight rates to offset the wage reductions against which the rail unions are protesting.

That there will be an immediate lowering of transportation rates whether the strike goes into effect or is called off is the conviction of many government officials in touch with the situation. It is for such a reduction of the cost of transportation that President Harding has been working for months in the belief that it would go far toward reviving business. The recommendations made to the president by the chairman of the interstate commerce commission and the railway labor board will be discussed at the cabinet meeting after which it is expected the president will be ready to announce his attitude of the strike.

The members of the railway labor board representing the public were closeted with the members of the interstate commerce commission in a discussion of the relation of wage reductions and transportation rate decreases.

At the close of the conference Chairman Barton, of the labor board, and Chairman McChord, of the commerce commission, went to the White House to lay the results of their deliberations before Mr. Harding. They spent more than an hour with the president for whose benefit they reviewed the history of the wage reduction case and presented recommendations for the solution of the problem.

"Anything bearing on the strike situation must come from the President," replied Chairman McChord when questioned by newspaper men as he emerged from the White House with Chairman Barton. "We discussed every phase of the situation and got better acquainted and we hope that something helpful will result. There will be no further meetings with the public group of the labor board at this time."

The public members of the labor board also conferred with Attorney General Daugherty, who immediately thereafter went to the White House to give the president his views of the situation.

"Outlaws" to Join Strike.

Chicago.—The "outlaw" railroad union will support other rail unions in their strike for October 30. The Switchmen's "Union," which precipitated the strike of 1919, under the leadership of John Graunau, sent word to its 60,000 members, of whom nearly 20,000 are unemployed, instructing them not to take jobs of the regular union men who strike. Members of the "outlaw union" also were told they could strike in sympathy with the other unions, without meeting disapproval of the yardmen's association.

Would Protect Home Brew "Makin's."

Chicago.—Immediate legal steps to protect sellers of home brew ingredients will be taken by the Interstate Pure Food Products association, it was announced following a meeting of the association, attended by about 50 manufacturers and dealers. The association appointed a counsel committee of three including M. J. Donnelly, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., to proceed to Washington to confer with the federal prohibition department over the sale of malts and hops.

Try Minister for Priest's Death.

Birmingham, Ala.—The strangest legal battle in Alabama's history started here when Rev. Edwin R. Stephenson, Methodist minister, went to trial on a charge of second degree murder, for the slaying of Father James E. Coyle, Catholic priest. The case, throughout its developments, has been surrounded by dramatic incidents and intense bitterness which have promised to make it rank with the Leo Frank case in the annals of southern courts.

Kansas Miners Go to Work.

Pittsburg, Kan.—One thousand coal miners of district No. 14, who have been idle since Alexander Howat, Kansas district president of the mine workers, and August Gorchy, went to jail, are back at work, according to an official announcement at the headquarters of the operators' associations.

China Asked to Reconsider.

Tokio.—The Japanese foreign office communicated instructions to Yukihi Obata, Japanese minister of Peking, to invite the Chinese government to reconsider its rejection of Japan's recent proposal relative to the return of Shantung to Chinese control.

Kills Mother-in-law; Then is Killed.

Wrightsville, Ga.—Roger Cathin, 49, of Fitzgerald, Ga., according to police, drove up to the front gate of the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. William Snell, here, walked from his automobile to the front porch, where Mrs. Snell was sitting and killed her. Cathin himself was killed before he could leave the porch, the police said, in a duel with Mrs. Snell's son. Cathin moved to Fitzgerald three months ago and his wife refused to accompany him, it is said. He is said to have blamed his mother-in-law.

CORNUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

The D. A. R. of North Platte proposes to protect the old flagstaff stone, the only remaining evidence of Fort McPherson, which was located twenty miles east of that city, enclosing it with an iron fence. This marker lies near the roadway, so one pays attention to it and were it removed, the last vestige of the old fort would disappear. In the early history of Lincoln county, Fort McPherson played an important part, for the cavalry stationed there guarded the wayfarers on the old California trail and protected the ranches of the early day cattlemen.

Negligence in failing to inspect their herd of thoroughbred cattle for a period of seven days in July, 1919, caused the death from thirst of forty-six head worth \$23,100 belonging to the six Bender brothers of Shelby. This is the answer of Assistant Attorney General C. S. Reed to the suit brought by the brothers, who charged that the cattle died of thirst due to the fact that state surveyors, turned off the water supply from the windmill when they stopped to get a drink.

Armistice day will be observed as a holiday at Scottsbluff, the Chamber of Commerce ceasing business and turning the program over to the American Legion. Plans include a parade in the morning, followed by a solemn service at noon in commemoration of the soldier dead; a football game in the afternoon between the local high school and Sidney, and a banquet in the evening, followed by a program.

Nebraska is ill prepared for a general rail strike at the present time, officials of the Lincoln chamber of commerce declared. Very little coal has been laid in, dealers and consumers having depended on freight reductions in the near future. The same applies to food and provisions. Live stock can be cared for through a long period due to immense stocks of corn and alfalfa still on the farms.

An out-of-the-ordinary community sale has been staged at Columbus. As a means of stimulating interest, Lieut. Ralph Anderson, flew over the city, scattering envelopes containing tickets for the American Legion Armistice day athletic carnival. One day was called "Ford" day and prizes were awarded the owner of the flyover coming the longest distance, bringing the oldest couple, and other unique ideas.

The overseas unit of Telegraph Battalion 408, made up largely of Nebraska men will hold its second annual reunion in Omaha, November 4-5. H. J. Mooney, Omaha is local manager. This will bring about 150 delegates to the city.

A grand jury will be called at Lincoln to investigate alleged irregularities in the administration of cooperations in this city and sales of stock by which, it is estimated, the people have lost from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

The campaign looking to raising money to finance the International Aero congress to be held in Omaha, November 3-5 is progressing rapidly. Work on the flying field in the north part of the city is about completed.

A five-gallon jug of corn whiskey has been found on William Jennings Bryan's farm east of Lincoln. Earl Stansbury, Bryan's tenant, has reported the find and delivered the whisky to Sheriff Ira Miller.

Patriotic and civic societies of Fremont will join with the local branch of the Central Labor union in a big demonstration on Armistice day. A big parade is planned.

John T. McIntosh, former postmaster of Sidney, has been appointed deputy internal revenue collector for the district of western Nebraska, with headquarters at Sidney.

New low prices on old corn have been made in all parts of north Nebraska, several towns reporting sales of old shelled corn at 22 to 23 cents per bushels.

About November 1 two companies of the Sixth infantry will be added to the army strength at Fort Crook, the government post just south of Omaha.

The Chamber of Commerce at Beatrice has voted \$250 to support a poultry show to be held at that place soon.

The Nebraska cement plant at Superior resumed operations after a two months' shutdown.

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Hord company's elevator located at Chapman. About 16,000 bushels of grain were consumed.

No corn is being burned around Superior and grain men testify that little is being marketed at 17 cents to 25 cents. Farmers have taken greater than usual interest in hog feeding and are holding the crop for this purpose.

The Burlington railroad has announced that early next spring work is almost certain to begin on the construction of the proposed line from Theford to O'Neill, connecting up the Sioux City and Billings lines.

An address by A. J. Weaver of Falls City, president of the recent constitutional convention and a concert by Marie Rappold, prima donna of the Metropolitan Grand Opera company, opened Beaver City's new auditorium, said to be the finest building of its kind in southwestern Nebraska. Local business men and farmers hold all the stock in the structure which has a seating capacity of 1,900. A sales pavilion was erected in connection with it. Business men several weeks ago invited Woodrow Wilson to make an address at the opening, but he was unable to accept.

Frank Harmon of Leavenworth, Kan., administrator for the estate of Loyal Harmon, 5, was awarded judgment of \$3,000 in federal court at Lincoln against Nemaha county. The suit was for \$25,000 for the death of Loyal Harmon, son of Burch Harmon of Auburn, who was drowned near that place May 21, 1920. Burch Harmon, his wife and son, were driving to Auburn following a cloudburst and their machine was overturned in a lateral to a drainage ditch which was out of its banks. Burch Harmon, the father, now has a suit for \$25,000 pending in Nemaha county district court. He seeks to collect damages for the shock and injuries to himself.

One-fourth of the total permanent population of Kearney, compared with the last census, is engaged in learning or imparting the same. A canvass of the schools completed here shows that a total of 1,933 Kearneyites attend school, being an increase of 483 pupils over last year. This figure does not include out-of-town students attending the Kearney teachers' college or the Kearney Military academy. The total student body here during the course of a year will exceed 4,000.

It has cost \$2,437,855.23 to administer the affairs of the state of Nebraska the last three months, according to a summary made public by Secretary Phil Gross of the state department of finance. The biggest item for the quarter is salaries and wages, which amount to \$854,384.52. The next largest is \$773,094.78 for highway improvements. Office expenses, rental and traveling expenses amount to \$161,659.23.

The Thayer county fair management has been notified that the injury to the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Wilson of Hebron on whom a piece of flaming stick fell during the fireworks exhibition at the fair, has become serious and that there will possibly be the necessity of skin grafting on the breast of the child. The parents expect the fair association to reimburse them for any expense or damage.

The auto tourist camp ground at North Platte, maintained by the chamber of commerce, has been closed. The total number of cars which night parked at the grounds during the season, which opened April 15, was 4,985. The cost of maintaining the camp during the season was about \$1,000.

The new state reformatory at Lincoln would be full to capacity and the penitentiary could not take care of the balance, if all those now held in county jails under penitentiary sentence were taken to Lincoln, according to Warden Fenton of the state penitentiary.

Many Hamilton county farmers are "hogging down" their corn this fall—building their fences tight and turning in the livestock. More can be realized in this manner, they say, than by husking it for sale on a 17-cent market.

Lincoln county has been a mecca for chicken hunters from all parts of the state, but they have so overrun farms and ranches and have been so careless with matches and in their shooting that the farmers and ranchmen have declared war against them.

A special election has been called for October 29 by the Sidney district school board to vote on the proposition of issuing refunding bonds to the amount of \$60,000 to take up the outstanding registered warrants of the district.

The new St. Paul High school building was dedicated before a crowd of over 700 residents of Howard county. The program consisted of open house all day while school was in session, with music and speeches in the evening.

Reward of \$2,000 for the dead body of any bandit who holds up a bank or commits burglary on a bank, will be offered by the Cass County Bankers' association, says H. A. Guthman, of Murdock, retiring president.

Orville Doak, ten, son of George Doak, Fremont, is missing from his home. He failed to report at the school and no trace has been found of him. Searching parties have failed to locate the youngster.

An airplane carrying an auto chassis and propelled by two six-cylinder motors is being constructed by F. L. Long, an automobile mechanic at Randolph. He says the idea is all his own.

That they may be better prepared for walking their beats, an order has gone out to Omaha policemen to have their feet manicured once a week.

Platte county has voted \$100,000 bonds for the completion of the new court house now under construction.

State veterinarians are investigating the disease which has caused the loss of several score of cattle in Cheyenne county. R. S. Scott, county agent, says the disease can not be caused by cornstalks as a number of the dead animals did not have access to them.

A serious epidemic of hog cholera throughout the state, an outbreak of anthrax near Omaha, and a peculiar disease that has killed thirty cattle near Sidney, are receiving the attention of State Veterinarian F. R. Woodring. The veterinarian reports cholera in every county in the state with losses of 90 per cent in some counties.

Omaha bank clearings for the first nine months of 1921 were \$1,473,919,379. Only 17 cities in the United States had bigger clearings.

North Platte valley water users approved the project for a huge reservoir and dam with auxiliary power plant, to be constructed at Guernsey, Wyo., at a cost of more than \$2,000,000. The vote was 915 for and 77 against; only 1,500 were eligible to vote. The work is expected to develop irrigation of the northwest Nebraska country with a water supply independent of the Pathfinder dam and also a power to farm and factories.